

IT'S THE BOGEYMEN

Gosport next — followed by Wycombe

IF Aylesbury United could bid a fond farewell to any side from the Southern League, Gosport Borough would have to be high on the list.

Ever since the south coast club came into the competition, United have found them almost impossible to beat.

Even this season's promising start came to a grinding halt when they visited Borough and came away with a 3-0 defeat to their discredit.

Gosport are once again no fools in the league programme, being placed just behind Dartford with plenty of games in hand.

In this case, of course, Gosport will be on the hunt not for league points at the Stadium on Saturday, but glory in the FA Trophy.

This is where Aylesbury come in on the Wembley trail with the third qualifying round match that is likely to be a very close tussle.

It's cup action again at The Stadium on Tuesday night with the replay of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup game against Wycombe Wanderers. That depends, of course, on Saturday's result. A draw would put that out of the window.

Egham Reserves 1.
Wycombe Reserves 4

NEWCOMER Nicky Shrimpton made an impressive debut for Wycombe Reserves when he scored in a suburban victory at Egham Town Reserves on Saturday.

Shrimpton was one of three players making their first appearance for the club, the others being Dexter and Bycroft.

The first half was goalless, but Wycombe scored three times after the break before Egham pulled one back from the penalty spot.

Chris Way made a brilliant save to prevent Egham from scoring a second and then saw his team extend their lead.

As well as Shrimpton,

signed from Marlow, Paul West, Andy Hunt and Ken Wilson found their way onto the scoresheet.

Wycombe: C. Way, T. Lee, Dexter, P. Bycroft, J. Richardson, P. West, P. Miles, M. Richardson, A. Hunt, N. Shrimpton, K. Wilson. Subs: R. Clarke and K. Stansbridge (not used).

than scoring them, but this former Plymouth player has recently notched up five in the last nine games.

Andy Lowman just tops this season's scoring list with nine goals. He has been at the root of the past trouble United have had against Gosport, having scored four in the last three clashes between the clubs.

Gosport will come to United in a rather less confident mood than they enjoyed before last Saturday's visit to Dover.

The Crabble club topped Gosport 2-0 and that was the first league defeat away from home since January. Hastings won 2-0 on their visit to Gosport to account for their other league defeat.

They have managed to keep four clean sheets away from home in the league this year. If Aylesbury need some encouragement, however, Gosport have not had the reputation of being a great cup side over the years.

● If Tuesday's game against Wycombe goes ahead, it should provide another bumper gate at The Stadium.

United will doubtless regret not winning the

first game after extra time, because Wanderers' leveller arrived through Steve Long after 118 minutes.

Long scored the first goal as well — after just three minutes — from a corner move that caused United trouble all night. Wycombe themselves should have put the game beyond recall in a first half they dominated.

A very small side, with only 'keeper Gary Lester a six footer, Wycombe still caused United enough problems, with Tony Price catching the eye in midfield and the experienced Paul Birdseye as solid as ever at the back. George Borg also impressed with his nonsense stuff as the other back.

Now they are out of the FA Cup, one of the crucial differences could be the projected return of striker Terry Glynn. His record suggests he could supply the finishing touches that could have seen off United at the first time of asking.

If he cannot, United could be well set to clear one of the major obstacles in the path of winning the competition that provided cup final frustration for them last year.

POSITIONS

Dartford	20	9	8	3	30	19	26
Gosport	16	8	6	3	29	17	22
Waterlooville	16	7	7	2	19	19	21
Hastings	15	6	3	29	18	18	
Poole	16	7	4	5	22	18	18
Bognor Regis	15	8	1	6	40	20	17
Aylesbury	13	7	3	3	25	14	17
Dover	13	7	3	3	18	15	17
Crawley	14	8	1	5	22	21	17
Dunstable	16	6	5	5	27	29	17
Dorchester	17	6	4	7	31	27	16
Hounslow	17	6	4	7	24	22	16
Hillingdon	17	6	4	7	17	20	16
Donbridge	16	5	6	5	21	26	16
Ashford	16	7	2	7	21	30	16
Basingstoke	14	6	3	5	18	15	15
Addlestone	12	6	2	4	21	18	14
Salisbury	14	6	1	7	27	22	13
Canterbury	15	4	3	6	15	17	11
Andover	17	3	5	9	18	29	11
Farham	18	2	7	9	12	25	11
Folkestone	18	3	3	12	21	35	9
Margate	14	2	1	11	18	44	5

● Not including Tuesday's matches.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE NORTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Harrow	16	13	2	1	55	19	28
Hounslow	14	8	5	1	25	15	21
Farnboro	14	9	2	3	33	17	20
Staines	14	8	2	4	34	12	18
Slough	13	7	4	2	32	11	18
Wembley	15	6	5	4	31	24	17
Hillingdon	15	7	2	6	28	23	16
Wealdstone	13	7	1	5	28	18	15
Felttham	15	6	3	6	21	26	15
Chertsey	15	6	2	7	23	40	14
Wycombe	13	5	3	5	18	20	13
Egham	17	3	5	9	21	43	11
Southall	15	3	4	8	13	25	10
Addlestone	13	3	3	7	15	15	9
Fleet	17	3	3	11	22	47	9
Camberley	15	2	2	11	17	46	6
Corinthian	8	0	0	6	1	16	0

Last 32 bid

A FOUR-FIGURE crowd is expected to flock to Loakes Park on Monday night to watch Wycombe Schools' highly successful under 15 side entertain Coalville from Leicestershire in the fourth round of the English Schools Trophy.

By reaching the last 64 the side has already gone further than any other Wycombe team in the past and with such talented players as Mark West and Raymond Jack, they must stand a chance of making the final 32.

In their previous two matches, Wycombe enjoyed comfortable victories over St. Albans and Dacorum, while Coalville defeated South Hunts 1-0 last week to qualify. With ground advantage and a large crowd behind them, Wycombe will be hoping to progress still further. The match kicks off at 7.30 pm.